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My dear Gray

I received a few days since your
card about Baker's having received *Andros*
tovaria for *Smilacina* - I certainly
objected to it as only producing useless
confusion but Baker has his own views
which he likes to follow without consulting
me. In this case I prefer though probably
a misprint he describes a *S. merou*,
seriously with botanica, yet clearly
indicates the species referred to by Gray
and his name might have been adopted
had not the genus acquired the name of
Smilacina and *Reich* and *Parsons*, that of
tovaria by prescription and universal
adoption and if ever I have occasion to
speak of the genus I shall certainly still

to Smilacina. I do not however at present see much chance of my ever getting to Monocotyledons. Our present part of Genera (Monoklamyden & Gymnospermen) is now far advanced but there is still much to do Hooker since he has given up the presidency of the Royal Society has been working steadily at the Curculionid order & has much tedious work with the Anopodromia. I have already been a full fortnight at Soranthus. I have however since the Euphorbiaceae finished articles (including Astocarum etc.) and Pentalium having previously done Monocotyledons, Thymelaeaceae, Proteaceae and various small orders - the Amentaceae Order almost touched yet - Hooker will do the Gymnosperms but they will not take him long altogether - it may be two or three months before

we begin printing. I hope before that you will deary read me any corrections that may occur to you in Euphorbiaceae which was my principal object in reading out early copies of my "Pole" in order that I might take advantage of any criticisms or fault finding before printing for press.

I trust you are progressing with your Synoptical Flora

Yours very sincerely
George Donkham

Duckley is not the only Saxifragaceous genus with deeply imbricate perianth lobes - It is also in Sclerogyron a very distinct genus to my mind from Sigularia of which the typical Sphaerocarya is a true congener.